



Angela Elliott-Santos
Chairwoman, Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation

Ms. Angela-Elliott Santos has been the Manzanita Tribal Chairwoman since March 2015, filling the position vacated by the death of Leroy J. Elliott, Manzanita Tribal Chairman for 17 years. Chairwoman Santos had served the same 17 years on the Manzanita Executive Committee, advising the Chairman and serving as Fiscal Officer for the Tribe. She directs all Tribal Departments including Public Works, Education, Library Services, Telecommunications, Natural Resource Management, Tribal Historic Preservation, Renewable Energy, Housing,

Cultural Programs, and Language Revitalization. She also provides guidance for federal funding that supports many of the tribal government programs such as U.S. EPA, BIA, HUD, and USDA.

She has fought for many years for cultural and heritage resource protection within the Kumeyaay Homelands from the Pacific Ocean to the Colorado River and over 75 miles north and south of the international Boarder with Baja California, Mexico. Chairwoman Santos has battled to protect the inherent sovereignty of the Manzanita Band as a federally recognized Tribe and to protect those that cannot speak for themselves but are protected by the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Chairwoman Angela Elliott-Santos serves on the Board of Directors for many organizations including the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA), Southern Indian Health Council (SIHC), Intertribal Court of Southern California, Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee (KCRC), and the Kumeyaay Heritage Preservation Council (KHPC).

Ms. Elliott-Santos is celebrating 30 years of marriage to Santiago de los Santos and is the proud mother of four children, and four grandchildren.

Angel Ortiz-Salazar

Austin Jones



Sheriff Bill Gore
County of San Diego Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Bill Gore oversees one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the nation. His field deputies

patrol a jurisdiction with over 4,200 square miles, while detectives investigate homicide, sex crimes, gang violence, elder abuse, and fraud. He oversees jail operations which prior to Coronavirus, averaged 5600 inmates at seven different detentions facilities. Responsible for a staff of 4,300 and an annual budget of over \$970 million, Sheriff Gore spearheaded the creation of the *Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center* (RTTAC), developed the highly effective *Homeless Assisted Resource Team (HART)* and expanded the Sheriff's air operations to include three fire-fighting helicopters. A second-generation San Diegan, Bill Gore graduated from Crawford High School and the University of San Diego. He joined the FBI and rose to the rank of Assistant Director, where he oversaw strategic planning, internal affairs, and inspections for the entire Bureau. His extraordinary efforts earned him the *Meritorious Executive Award* from the President of the United States.



Caroline (Cara) Dessert, Esq.
Chief Executive Officer
San Diego LGBT Community Center

Caroline (Cara) Dessert, Esq. is the Chief Executive Officer of The San Diego LGBT Community Center. Prior to being named CEO, she served as the organization's Chief Development and Community Engagement Officer. A queer Latina, Dessert is an attorney and non-profit executive with 15 years in social justice leadership. Dessert was previously the executive director of Immigration Equality, a national organization focused on

LGBT immigrant rights. She worked closely with the Obama Administration, as well as local, state, and national organizations working at the intersection of LGBT rights as well as immigrant rights. She served in the California Department of Justice in the Office of the Attorney General as a Deputy Attorney General in the Public Rights Division, where she also worked with then-California Attorney General (now U.S. Senator) Kamala Harris' executive team.

Dessert has deep roots in the San Diego area. A native of El Centro, she previously served as The Center's public policy and community organizing coordinator, and as San Diego's field director for the No on 8/Equality for All campaign. She also worked for Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest.

She completed her Juris Doctorate at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law, where she was the editor-in-chief of the *Chicana/o Latina/o Law Review* and earned degree specializations from the Epstein Public Interest Law and Policy and Critical Race Studies programs. She earned her BA at the University of California, San Diego.



Daphyne Watson, MSW
Executive Director, Mental Health America San Diego

Daphyne Watson is the Executive Director of Mental Health America San Diego. Daphyne came to Mental Health America in January 2012. Daphyne is an experienced professional, leading and developing a vast number of human services. Daphyne has been involved in the mental health field for the past 15 years. Daphyne has dedicated her career in addressing disparities and needs of communities of color, who often are underserved. Daphyne has developed child abuse prevention programs, mental health programs,

substance abuse programs, community support programs, and developed juvenile justice programs. Daphyne has operated programs in San Diego, Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Baltimore Maryland. Daphyne has developed unique programs such as Family Finding, and WINGS (gender specific program for girls), Family Support programs, Breaking Down Barriers, Visions Clubhouse, Father2Child, Mental Health First Aid, developed a Boys & Men of color initiative and other mental health services.

Daphyne was appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to the Mental Health Older Adult Counsel, San Diego County Community Action Planning Board, State of California Mental Health Planning Council, and Mental Health America California Executive Committee. She has been a professor at Springfield College-San Diego, teaching counseling and other innovative services. Daphyne has trained extensively on cultural inclusion and diversity.

Ms. Watson earned her master's degree from SDSU, School of Social Work in 1995 and continues to educate and address the needs of the community. Daphyne is an advocate, an educator, a program developer, a trainer, a visionary and a compassionate leader.



Eleanor Evans
Educator, Leader, Activist, Human Rights Advocate

Eleanor Evans is a member of the Oceanside Unified School Board of Education/Trustee. Eleanor is a dedicated educator and a committed advocate of human rights for everyone. As a youth, she marched through the streets in San Diego encouraging fair hiring practices by major corporations and utilities. A student at San Diego State University and Co-Chair for the Student Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Eleanor Evans worked with former University President Malcolm Love and his Committee to Involve Black Students into College Life. Some of the successes were to invite Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to speak on justice at SDUSD; to enable the Student CORE to become an on-campus

organization. She was appointed as a liaison to help pilot the California Educational Opportunities Program (EOPS) and to help establish the position for an effective SDSU campus ombudsman.

As a former executive officer for the County of San Diego Urban League, Eleanor was the Committee Chairperson and Treasurer to help collaborate and establish the Market Street Gateway (COSTCO) Industrial Park which has provided thousands of sustainable quality jobs.

As a highly effective educator who believes in the academic achievement and the social-emotional development of her students, she has taught grades K-12, Community Colleges, and Universities. Eleanor was a member of the San Diego Unified School District Race/Human Relations Corps. Eleanor Evans was one of the Commissioners for the California State Department of Education Common Core Academic State Standards. She is a member of the California State Board of Education Credential Proficiency Commission, Teaching Credentialing. Eleanor Evans has a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences/Economics and a Master of Science in Counseling and a master's in governance.

Eleanor Evans is honored to have received the North San Diego County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NSDC-NAACP) Lifetime Achievement Award and the California Teachers Association State Human Rights Award.

Ellen Nash**Board Member, Helix Charter School and Chair, BAPACSD**

Ellen Nash is a native of Southeast San Diego and graduated from San Diego State University with a B. S. in Public Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources Management. Ms. Nash subsequently pursued graduate studies in Educational Leadership and was instrumental in forming the first Black Gospel Choir at SDSU.

Over a 28-year period, Ellen worked her way up from student assistant to Manager of SDSU's Human Resources Department. She then served as Manager of Human Resources at UCSD's Health System for 5 years before retiring. Her extensive volunteer work includes San Diego Urban League, NAACP, and Up for Ed Board.

**Enrique Morones****Social Activist, Speaker, Border Coalition Founder and Immigration Advocate**

Enrique Morones is not just another speaker who lectures, in the abstract, about the virtues of social activism. He is a real-life social activist on the frontlines of one of America's most explosive issues -- who also happens to speak on the lecture circuit.

His presentations are as interesting and empowering as the life experiences that fuel them. Unlike other speakers who talk about social justice by laying out what should be done, Morones has already done most of those things. And he has the scars to prove it.

The human rights activist was born in San Diego to Mexican parents who instilled in him a deep love for Mexico, an everlasting spiritual faith, and a passion for social justice. The driving force of his life is the Bible passage: "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink." Matthew 25:35.

Morones has achieved a history of "firsts": the first person to be granted dual nationality with Mexico; the first two-term president of the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; first vice president of Latino and diversity marketing in major league sports with the San Diego Padres; first president and founder of

the House of Mexico; and president and founder of Border Angels (saving migrant lives), a non-profit, volunteer group with more than 50,000 followers. He now hosts the first podcast about the U.S.—Mexico border to be broadcast from a border city. www.buenhombre.org

As a result of his work in defense of migrants' rights, he has been featured on numerous media outlets, such as NBC, CNN, CBS, BBC, NPR, The New York Times, The Washington Post & other media. He is the author of the book, "THE POWER OF ONE, THE BORDER ANGELS STORY." And he has also been featured in six films. He is frequently invited as a guest lecturer on college and university campuses, and he has also debated on TV shows: Bill O'Reilly, Larry King, Tucker Carlson. Today Show. In one form of media after another, Morones promotes the truth about the migrant community and border realities.

As the founder of Gente Unida, a human rights border coalition, in April of 2005, he led the national effort against the vigilante Minutemen group, shutting them down in California and sparking the massive pro-immigrant national marches in the Spring of 2006. He is recognized as one of the 100 most influential Latinos in the United States by *Hispanic Business Magazine*. Other recognitions include being a Frontline (Ireland) Human Rights International awardee for lifelong dedication to human rights; the recipient of the 2009 National Human Rights Award (Mexico), presented by Mexican President Felipe Calderón; the recipient of the 2010 California Spirit Award (USA), presented by California State Senator Gil Cedillo; and the recipient of the Bishop Buddy Alumni award presented by the University of San Diego.

A lifelong learner, Morones has a Bachelor's of Science in International Marketing from San Diego State University, a Master's of Science in Executive Leadership from the University of San Diego, and an honorary Ph.D. from Mexico's Human Rights Commission. He travels from San Diego or Tijuana. Enrique Morones fields invitations to speak all over the world.

Gwen Sanders
Vice-Chair of Police & Fire Commission

I was born in the Imperial Valley, second generation California born. The Imperial Valley is located in the South/ East corridor of the state on the Mexico border. I have lived In San Diego County for more than forty years. I raised my children as a single mom, I am a proud grandmother and great grandmother. I was very active in my children's lives. I have volunteered for the city of Oceanside the entire time that I have lived here. I worked with the recruitment teams for the public safety department; currently I am the vice chair of the Police & Fire Commission. I was a board member of KOCT Oceanside local Television station. I volunteered for Tri-City Medical Center, I was on the Human Resources Committee, and I am currently on their Community Health Care Alliance.

The attributes that I will bring to the table are my dedication and my involvement with the community, as I am retired. I am a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Color People. Life member of Communication Worker of America.



Kate Clark, Esq.
Senior Director of Immigration Service & Lead
Immigration Attorney Jewish Family Service of SD

Kate Clark is the senior director of immigration services and lead immigration attorney at Jewish Family Service San Diego (JFS), one of San Diego's oldest and most impactful nonprofits. In these roles, she advocates on behalf of San Diego's refugees and asylees and assists the immigrant community-at-large in applying for various immigration benefits.

Clark is also a founding member and sits on the steering committee of the San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN), a coalition of more than 40 nonprofits and faith-based organizations formed in response to increased immigration enforcement activity in the region. The network operates a 24-hour hotline for

emergency assistance related to checkpoints, raids, arrests, and harassment, and connects affected people with resources in an effort to carry out SDRRN's mission of ensuring *no one in our community stands alone*.

Aligned with this mission, Clark led JFS and SDRRN's effort to create an emergency shelter for asylum-seeking families who have been released from federal custody as they wait to make their case in immigration court. Since late November 2018, the shelter has welcomed more than 23,000 individuals (all families with young children), providing medical screenings, warm meals and new clothes, legal guidance, and transportation assistance to help families get to their loved ones or sponsors elsewhere in the U.S. As lead immigration attorney for JFS, Clark supervises JFS's immigration legal services program for individuals in need of legal representation. JFS aids individuals in need of affirmative immigration assistance, removal defense – detained, non-detained, and representation to vulnerable families and individuals placed in the "Remain in Mexico" program known as Migrant Protection Protocols.

Clark holds a law degree from California Western School of Law and a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University. She remains involved with California Western as an adjunct professor.



Kenya Taylor
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Consultant & Community Advocate

Kenya Taylor has more than 30 years of experience promoting cultural competence in mental health, behavioral health, schools, primary care, hospitals, senior centers, re-entry programs and organizations to enhance inclusive business operations and innovation while reducing trauma in urban, rural, and suburban communities. As a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Consultant, and Community Advocate, Ms. Taylor directs cultural proficiency policies and procedures, program design, strategic planning,

program evaluation, leadership development, staff engagement and satisfaction, risk management and cultivates ways to maximize excellence for continuous quality improvements and Best Practices. Ms. Taylor has a Master of Science in Counseling, specializing in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from San Diego State University, certifications in How to Plan, Implement & Sustain Intergenerational Programs, Geriatric Mental Health, and Primary Care Behavioral Health. Ms. Taylor has served as the Black American Political Association of California San Diego-Chair where she was a San Diego Magazine "Women Who Move the City Event" finalist, United Negro College Fund San Diego Campaign Executive Committee, Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce-Director of Community Outreach, Lupus Foundation of Southern California-Board of Directors, Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary Southeast Cluster Unit-Chair- Jazz at the Bay, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., National Leadership Academy and National Membership Committee, Farwest Regional Membership Chair, San Diego Alumnae Chapter President and is actively involved in the NAACP - San Diego Branch-Executive Committee, and Black Women's Institute for Leadership Development- Membership Chair.



Imam Taha Hassane
Imam/Director of the Islamic Center of San Diego

Imam Taha Hassane is currently serving as the Imam/Director of the Islamic Center of San Diego. He joined ICSD in September 2004 from the Colorado Muslim Youth Foundation where he served as a youth instructor. Imam Taha graduated from Institute of Islamic Studies at the University of Algiers, Algeria, and served as a high school teacher and Imam in Algeria for ten years before coming to the United States. Imam Taha also holds a master's degree of theology in Islamic

studies from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana.

In addition to his regular duties at ICSD, Imam Taha is a: Preacher & lecturer at different Islamic Centers, schools, and colleges around the US; Religious adviser of the Muslim Students Association at University of California San Diego since 2004; Board member of the Interfaith Worker Justice of San Diego County; Member of the West-Coast & National Catholic Muslim dialogue since 2006; Member of the Arab American advisory Board of the San Diego Police Department; Member of the Interfaith Advisory Board of the San Diego District Attorney Office; Board member of the National Conflict Resolution Center; Board member of the Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego County; Volunteer Chaplain at San Diego prisons & hospitals.

Recipient of several awards: A major peace maker in San Diego 2015 by the Rotary Club of La Jolla, Spirit award 2015 by the Somali Family Services, Voices of Justice award 2010 by the Interfaith Center for Worker Justice, 2011 award of community Leadership & Social

Justice Advocacy by CAIR San Diego, 2014 Outstanding Contribution Award by the Indian-American Muslim Council, 2018 KPBS & National Conflict Resolution Center "Community Heroes Award" for Civility in Politics, 2018 Islamic Shura Council of Southern California "Change-Maker Award".

Also, recipient of Certificate of Recognition from: California Assembly Member Lorena Gonzales, California Assembly Member Dr. Shirley Weber, San Diego City Councilmember Marti Emerald, City of San Diego Human Relations Commission!



Nicole Murray Ramirez
LGBTQ Activist, Civil & Human Rights Leader

Commissioner Ramirez has been a long time Latino and LGBTQ activist for now over half a century and has served and advised 7 mayors of San Diego. Ramirez is the only San Diegan to have been elected and served 4 times as Chairman of the City's Human Relations Commission. He has also served on numerous newly elected Mayor's transition teams and Police Chief Selection committees. In the past, Commissioner Ramirez has worked with Harvey Milk and Cesar Chavez, now two personal heroes of his, as well as Coretta Scott King. Ramirez is on the National Executive Board of the Harvey Milk Foundation and was the founder and National Chair of the International Letter Writing Campaigns that resulted in the issuing of the Harvey Milk U.S. Postage Stamp with the official unveiling at the White House which he attended as well as spoke at. Ramirez also led the successful campaign to get the U.S. Secretary of the Navy to name a ship (the U.S.N.S. Harvey Milk) which is currently being built in San Diego at the NASSCO Shipping Yard.

Commissioner Ramirez is currently the National Chair of the National GLBT Civil Rights Network/U.S.A. and the International Chair of the International Imperial Council

of the U.S.A., Canada, and Mexico (founded in 1965) with now over 70 city chapters in the three aforementioned countries. He is also currently Co-Chair (along with Katherine Stuart Faulconer, 1st Lady of San Diego) of the San Diego AIDS Memorial Task Force and Chair of the Sheriff's LGBTQ Advisory Council.

Commissioner Ramirez has been elected and served as the State President of Equality California, the National Chair of National Latino Latina LGBTQ Association, National Board member of the National LGBTQ Task Force and Human Rights Campaign (HRC), as well as Co-Chair of the Stonewall 25th March and Celebration in New York City.

He is the only LGBTQ activist to have been elected to all 5 National LGBTQ Marches on Washington National Executive Committees and been elected a National Chair of three of the Marches (in the 1987 March he invited Cesar Chavez to speak at the National Rally which drew over 800,000 people to Washington).

Commissioner Ramirez has received countless honors, awards, and commendations including the Cesar Chavez Social Justice Award presented to him by his wife the late Helen Chavez.

He was made an "Honorary Texan" by then-Governor Ann Richards. Presented "Keys to the City" by the Mayors of Salt Lake City, Utah; Lexington, Kentucky; Portland, Oregon; West Hollywood, California, and San Diego, California. Commissioner Ramirez has been honored by the Government of Mexico for his over 35 years of helping LGBTQ Citizens in Baja, California.

Nicole Murray Ramirez has appeared in many historic films/documentaries and books. Currently, a major documentary film on his life is being negotiated.

Nicole Murray Ramirez is very proud that he for over a decade has been leading the effort to reinstate this Commission and that he also nominated Leon Williams as its name's sake. After more than a decade Supervisor Nathan Fletcher got it done!



Rashid Essa
Community Engagement Officer
International Rescue Committee

Rashid Essa is a community member who devoted his time working closely with many communities in San Diego, I have been involved with many communities in San Diego County for a long period of time. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University the School of Professional Studies Program and a Master's in International Relations from Alliant International University School of Marshall Goldsmith School of Management.



Regina (Gina) Roberts
Human Rights Advocate, Business Leader

Ms. Roberts is a native San Diegan who has lived in the county for most of her life. She attended a local high school and the University of California, San Diego graduating with a degree in Chemistry and minor in Economics. She also pursued some graduate work in accounting and business administration. She worked for in the local defense industry in manufacturing development for numerous critical programs for national security. With the closure of the local defense industry she moved into the commercial sector and supported building equipment for the semiconductor industry and installing systems around the world. She then formed her own engineering consulting

I am currently working with the International Rescue Committee as community Engagement Officer, the IRC was founded in 1933 at the call of Albert Einstein, and started working in San- Diego County since 1975; I have worked with immigrant and refugees who fled from their home countries due to civil war, prosecution, and unrest. I have worked with many families who experienced very difficult traumatic situation in their lives, and I had the opportunity to welcome them to their new safe home and bond a good relationship with their communities.

I had the pleasure of working with many employers in San Diego County in my previous position as Employment Program Manager, where I built a good relationship with their businesses based on human dignity, transparency, mutual respect and understanding. I have collaborated with many nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and ethnic communities, social services agencies, and law enforcement throughout San Diego County. I communicate regularly with many communities in San Diego through our programs to understand the needs and how can we overcome any barriers. I would like to focus more on the importance and effect of every individual in the community and how they can achieve their own goals while benefiting their society in general.

firm and provided engineering design and field level equipment support to many companies around the world. She recently retired from the active pursuit of her career but remains involved in assisting previous customers maintain their equipment.

Ms. Roberts has been a lifelong advocate for the basic human rights guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights for all people, being a proponent of both personal rights and thereby, the personal responsibility inherent in those rights.

Ms. Roberts is involved in many community service organizations and has held leadership positions in nearly every group she is part of. She is the next Lt. Governor for the Kiwanis Division for North County, and is the President of Valley Center Western Days, Inc. which is responsible for presenting the local parade and country fair in the town of Valley Center.

She is married but separated and is the proud parent of three grown children and two grandchildren and shares that pride with her spouse. She is transgendered and transitioned late in life. She has been the "first" transgender barrier breaker in many mainstream activities and has tried to put a positive image of the Transgender and LGBT communities in many organizations and with people that traditionally have not been supportive of this community.

Ryan Amiling Garcia
Graduate Student, Education Advocate

Ryan Amiling Garcia, Filipino-American, was born and raised by his single mother in the San Diego Community of Paradise Hills. Growing up in a predominantly Filipino, Latinx, Black neighborhood, he enjoyed learning history as a student at the School of Creative and Performing Arts. He will begin a master's in history program this Fall and just graduated Magna Cum Laude from San Diego State University (SDSU). During his time at SDSU, Ryan became interested in politics and wanted to see firsthand how policy affects disadvantaged neighborhoods. Ryan worked with Mike Levin's 2018 congressional campaign and immediately added a political science minor to his Social Sciences degree.

Ryan plans to use his knowledge and skills to help grow and support the next generation. He believes supporting education the best investment the country can make. As a youth representative for District 1 on the Human Relations Commission, Ryan hopes to contribute his viewpoints and give voice to his communities.



Samuel Tsoi
Assistant Director, 21st Century China Center at UCSD

Samuel Tsoi is the assistant director for the 21st Century China Center at UC San Diego, where he produces a podcast, events, and programs to promote research and dialogue on U.S.-China relations.

Samuel serves on the board of directors for Alliance San Diego and San Diego County's Human Relations

Commission. He is also a Civic Seminararian at Citizen University and core member of the San Diego Asian Pacific Islanders Coalition. As a RISE San Diego Fellow, he co-founded Welcoming San Diego, a cross-sector initiative to advance immigrant integration.

Prior to moving to California, he coordinated a flagship conference, produced policy reports, and built diverse coalitions in Massachusetts state politics, and was a consultant in the field of corporate social responsibility. Samuel is a graduate of Gordon College (BA) and the University of Massachusetts Boston (MS) and has completed advanced studies at University of San Diego, Tufts University, and Harvard Kennedy School. He has published articles on urban development, leadership, and Asian American affairs.

Samuel and his partner Amanda, a public-school teacher, are parents of three, and they are members of the Vineyard Church.



Rev. Shane Harris
Activist, Foster Care Reformer, Ordained Minister, Political Analyst, and Founder of The People's Alliance for Justice (PAJ)

"Inspirational", "relevant", "driven", "enlightening", "influential", "consistent", and "committed" are just

some of the words that have been used to describe Shane Harris. Harris was born and raised in San Diego, CA. His preaching ministry began at the solemn age of 16 years old when he began to give some of his first sermons in the church. Every Sunday after church Harris would give a Sunday service in his bedroom and would preach to teddy bears as practice in his preaching ministry. He would later go on to be ordained in the church at 22 years old by Dr. John Wayne Ringgold of the Bethel Baptist Church (San Diego). He has constantly used his platform in the pulpit to speak out against systemic issues impacting communities of color and the vulnerable even since his teenage years of preaching. He calls himself a preacher for the "rejects" empowering people who have been thrown out and rejected to get up and fight forward in life.

Rev. Harris's passion for social justice and equality stems from his childhood. Harris spent over 13 years in

San Diego's child welfare system and lost both of his parents before his 16th birthday. A victim of the unjust juvenile penal system, educational inequalities, and challenges of foster care, Harris has devoted his life to fighting for the voiceless and unheard of our communities across San Diego and the Country. Growing up in southeastern San Diego, he and many of his contemporaries encountered difficult challenges like gangs, drugs, educational failure, and denial of self-worth.

Rev. Harris has grown to be recognized as a national voice for the voiceless by national luminaries such as Rev. Al Sharpton, California Governor Gavin Newsom, and entertainer Nick Cannon as he also stays active in his local hometown of San Diego where his civil rights organization the People's Alliance for Justice is based. Shane Harris was recognized as The Root's 100 most influential in 2017, he was also honored in 2016 by Pride San Diego with a Stonewall Award for intersectional organizing work, and he was awarded by the National Black Contractors Association annual contractors luncheon in 2019 with a "sound of equity" award to name a few of his many honors. A powerful voice and visionary, Rev. Harris is taking the fight for civil rights and social justice to the next level across the nation. Harris is currently working to address issues such as criminal justice reform policy, educational inequality, corporate responsibility, and fighting for cultural competency within the nation's child welfare system. He continues to lead movements across San Diego and America to address the systemic issues people face every day.



District Attorney Summer Stephan
County of San Diego District Attorney's Office

District Attorney Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families, providing justice to the most vulnerable, and is a national leader in the fight against human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Summer is focused on advancing public safety through fair and equal justice, bringing solutions to complex issues with a unique data-driven, commonsense approach that works to address the root causes of certain crimes driven by mental illness and addiction. As District Attorney, she leads the second-largest DA's Office in California, managing a professional staff of 1,000 employees, serving as the People's Prosecutor for San Diego County and its more than three million residents. Summer leverages her extensive courtroom, management, and leadership experience to set clear

public safety priorities in collaboration with law enforcement and the community, keeping San Diego County one of the safest urban regions in the United States.

Summer rose through the ranks to become the elected District Attorney. As a trial prosecutor, she tried more than 100 jury trials, including cases of complex homicides, sexually violent predators, child molestation, sexual assaults, school shooting, and human trafficking-related cases. She served as Chief of the DA's North County Branch and Chief of the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, a special victim's unit she pioneered. In June of 2018, San Diego County voters overwhelmingly elected Summer as District Attorney.

DA Stephan holds leadership positions in public safety on the national, state and local levels, which includes serving as a vice-president of the National District Attorneys Association, co-chair of the California District Attorneys Association Human Trafficking committee, and the National Association of Women Judges Human Trafficking committee. Summer served on the Governor's Task Force for High-Risk Sex Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators. She spearheaded the innovative "*Know the Price*" campaign, which focused on reducing sexual assaults on college campuses. She also led the award-winning "*The Ugly Truth*" human trafficking awareness campaign as well as the "*San Diego Opioid Project*," aimed at reducing opioid overdoses. Summer led a coordinated effort to protect the community from targeted mass violence with a School Threats Task Force that implemented a unified protocol with all 42 school districts in San Diego County. In

addition, she began an effective Veterans Treatment model in North County inspired by a heroic Marine Corps veteran. Summer is the recipient of numerous local, state, and federal awards, including an FBI commendation for organized crime prosecution, outstanding achievement award from the Deputy District Attorneys Association for the complex prosecution for the rape and murder of an elderly woman. She was named an “Angel of Anti-Human Trafficking” and a “Modern Day Abolitionist.” She was selected as the 2017 *Southern California District Attorney of the Year* by Crime Victims United, was awarded the *Pathbreaker Award* by Shared Hope International, and received the 2019 *Humane Award* for her work in fighting animal cruelty.

Summer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis and her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.



Vince Kattoula
Former CAO Staff Officer, Business Leader, and Community Volunteer

Vince Kattoula is a native San Diegan whose parents immigrated from Iraq in the early 1980's along with

thousands of other fellow Chaldeans in search of the American dream. As the oldest of four siblings he was often tasked with bridging the cultural and generational gap within his family. He learned the value of entrepreneurship and hard work at the early age of 8 as he would help his father at his family's convenience store on the weekends. Upon graduating from SDSU with a degree in Public Administration, Vince began volunteering at the County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services and grew within the organization to ultimately serve in the executive office as CAO Staff Officer. After several years of public service, Vince left the County and started his own business where he currently serves as CEO and oversees a team of engineers, architects, and technical experts. Vince remains active in the Chaldean and business communities through various organizations and his volunteer work includes obtaining permits for local nonprofits and working to address homeless hunger. He currently resides in East County with his wife and two son

Warsan Artan
Youth Organizer for Youth Will

My family immigrated to the USA in 2006 and I have lived in San Diego County since. I went to Helix Charter High School and then to San Diego State University. I graduated in May of 2019 with a bachelor's in political science and a minor in biology. While at SDSU, I served on the College of Sciences Student Council for a year and then on the Associated Students (AS) government for two consecutive years. This activated my passion for political engagement and leadership. Currently, I am the youth organizer for Youth Will. I am passionate about political engagement, community organizing, prioritizing underrepresented communities, and ensuring that we invest in every aspect of our youth's lives to secure a successful path and future for every child in San Diego County

